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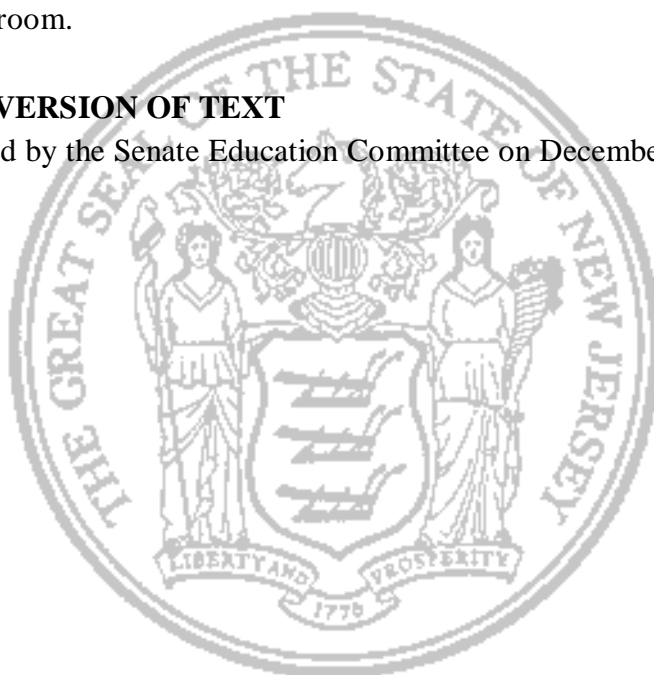
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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes the Troops to College Program in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to assist veterans in making the transition into the college classroom.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on December 8, 2008, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT establishing the Troops to College Program and  
2 supplementing <sup>1</sup>chapter 3B of Title 18A Title 38A<sup>1</sup> of the New  
3 Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Troops to  
9 College Act.”

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11 2. a. The <sup>1</sup>**new Jersey Commission on Higher Education**  
12 Department of Military and Veterans’ Affairs<sup>1</sup>, in consultation with  
13 the <sup>1</sup>**Department of Veterans’ and Military Affairs** New Jersey  
14 Commission on Higher Education<sup>1</sup>, shall establish the Troops to  
15 College Program. The purpose of the program shall be to assist  
16 New Jersey’s public institutions of higher education in coordinating  
17 the provision of a comprehensive array of services to assist veterans  
18 in making the transition into the college classroom. The services  
19 may include, but need not be limited to, assistance in applying for  
20 State and federal student financial aid, counseling resources, a  
21 campus veterans’ assistance officer to provide a single point of  
22 contact for information on the institution’s benefits and programs  
23 for veterans, and an online resource to consolidate pertinent  
24 information specifically for veterans attending that institution.

25 b. The <sup>1</sup>**commission** department<sup>1</sup> in implementing the Troops  
26 to College Program shall include on its Internet site information to  
27 assist veterans in accessing the higher education opportunities that  
28 exist in the State. The information shall include, but need not be  
29 limited to:

30 (1) contact information for the campus veterans’ assistance  
31 officer at each of the public institutions of higher education; and

32 (2) information on the array of programs and services available  
33 to veterans at each of the public institutions of higher education.

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35 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SED committee amendments adopted December 8, 2008.